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Applicant: POPE et al.
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Title: IN SITU DETECTION AND ANALYSIS OF METHANE IN
COAL BED METHANE FORMATIONS WITH SPECTROMETERS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the period to take action in the above-captioned application be extended by 3 months pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

A check in the amount of \$950.00 is submitted herewith in payment of the required extension fee for a small entity applicant. This amount is believed to be correct. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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